of Ranitidine HCL is reportedly marke- small scale company named, M/s. Biotech ting Ranitidine tablets manufactured by a Pharma, Hyderabad.

(e) The details are given below:

Sr. No.	Name of the Formulation	Pack Size	Retail Price
1	Zenitec Tablets 150 mg/tab	10's	28.86
2	Do. 300 mg/tab	10's	55.65

(f) Government has recently announced some new policy measures to ensure abundant availability of drugs at reasonable prices and new Drug (Prices Control) Order incorporating these measures wolud be announced in due course.

Drugs manufacturing under New Drug Policy

615. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Times of India of 6th January, 1987 captioned "Drug Policy faulted for bloated list";

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that three fourths of total formulations are non-essential and useless;

(c) whether it is also a fact that no measures has been proposed in the policy statement about discouragement of non-essential medicines;

(d) whether it is also a fact that statement propose price decontrol for non-essential and useless medicines;

(e) if so, whether it is also a fact that the production of non-essential and useless medicines exempted from price control under Drug Price Control Order 1979 went eight to ten times and essential medicines just the reverse; and

(f) what other steps are being proposed to control the production of non-essential medicines and encourage essential and useful medicines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R.K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The new Drug Price Control Order has not yet been announced.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Abundant availability, at reasonable prices of essential life saving and prophylactic medicines of good quality, is the corner stone of the new measures announced. New formulations based on drugs already approved for use in the country would not be allowed to be manufactured unless their therapeutic efficacy and rationality are adequately tested and proved.

Payment due from Drug Companies

616. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Economic Times of 28th December, 1986 captioned "Payment notices issued to five Drug Companies";

(b) if so whether it is a fact that Rs. 35 crores have been worked out as unintended benefit made by these companies;

(c) what is the exact amount due from each company;

(d) what is the amount recovered from these companies so far; and

(e) by when the entire amount is likely to be recovered?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Details of the companies and the amount as determined by the Department so far are given below:—

Sl. No.	Name of the Company	Name of the bulk drug	Amount due Rs./ lakhs
1	Fulford (India) Limited	Gentamycin	194.62
2	Lupin Laboratories	Rifampicin	215.89
3	Biochem Pharama Limited . . .	Gentamycin	33 88
4	Biochem Pharma Limited . . .	Rifampicifl	34.28
5	Ethico Drugs and Chemicals Mfg. Co.	Rifampicin	141.00
6	Ranbaxy Laboratories	Rifampicin	36 23
7	Lyka Laboratories	Gentamycin	27.47

(b) and (c). M|s. Fulfod India Limited have already deposited Rs. 50 lakhs into Drug Prices Equalisation Account out of the total amount due from them following the direction of the Supreme Court. The process of recovery is on in accordance with the due process of law.

Prices of Hall's Lozenges

617. SHRI RAFIQUE ALAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the prices of Hall's Lozengen, Listerine, Strepsils, Glucose Harmone preprations Enzyme preparations, Lexative preparations and medicines based on Diazepam, Chlorpromazine Amitrytline, Chloridazapoxide have gone up more than 200 per cent during the last five to six years;

(b) if so, what was the price of each strength and pack of each such medicine in 1980 and what is their present price;

(c) what is the percentage increase in each case;

(d) whether Government verified the feasibility of each price; and

(e) if so, what is Government's reaction on each increase?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) These drugs fall under price de-controlled category of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979 and the formulators are free to revise the prices.

(b) and (c) Information to the extent available is shown i nthe attached Statement. (*See* below)

(d) and (e) Since these drugs fall under the price de-controlled category, question does not arise.